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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2013

GENERAL: There were 5.7 days suitable for field work for the week ending November 3rd compared to 5.9 for the week ending October 27th. Statewide soil moisture levels were rated at 3% very short, 28% short, 65% adequate and 4% surplus. The state received some light precipitation across most counties this week and average temperatures were above normal. Average temperatures ranged from 54 to 65 degrees. Soybean and cotton conditions are rated as mostly fair to good. Wheat and oats plantings remain ahead of last year. Peanut harvest made great progress this week and surged ahead of historical averages. However, sweet potato, cotton, and soybean harvest percentages are slightly behind compared to last year percentages.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS

	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg.
PHENOLOGICAL:				
Cotton % Bolls Opening	92	91	99	100
Soybeans % Leaf Drop	94	86	99	94
Wheat % Emerged	14	na	11	13
PLANTED:				
Barley	62	60	65	70
Oats	74	71	47	63
Wheat	37	22	27	37
HARVESTED:				
Apples	93	88	100	95
Cotton	30	17	46	58
Hay 3rd Cutting	81	79	87	88
Peanuts Threshed	94	70	85	85
Sorghum	70	64	na	na
Soybeans	19	11	25	28
Sweet Potatoes	81	68	90	87

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Barley	0	0	51	45	4
Oats	0	0	18	72	10
Cotton	3	14	35	45	3
Pasture	0	6	44	45	5
Soybeans	3	12	37	45	3

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

	VS	ST	A	SS
State	3	28	65	4
Mountain Region	3	33	60	4
Piedmont Region	1	26	71	2
Coastal Plain Region	4	24	66	6

VS= Very Short ST = Short A = Adequate SS = Surplus

Weather has been very good this week for producers harvesting Christmas trees and tipping for wreaths and roping. Burley producers have started grading tobacco.
Julia Houck – Ashe County Extension

There was a hard freeze on October 26. We see some effects but more to come.

Phil Rucker – Yadkin County Extension

Christmas tree harvest is beginning. Other activities included winterizing equipment and tending livestock.
Stanley Holloway – Yancey County Extension

Wheat planting continued. Frost has finished tobacco harvest. Showers during the week helped the short moisture situation, but rainfall amounts were variable. Several livestock farmers are feeding hay to supplement pastures.

Paul Westfall – Granville County Extension

Cotton is slow to open and the harvest is slow as well...had several frosts at this point and we just finished peanuts. There is still some grain sorghum in the fields and soybeans...but the wheat has come up looking pretty good. Just a slow harvest year!!!

Wendy Drake Burgess – Hertford County Extension

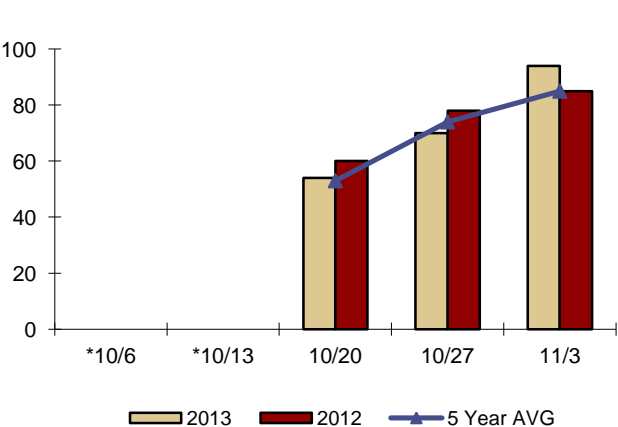
Cotton and soybean harvests are now going strong. Kudzu bugs have worried lots of homeowners as they flew from soybean fields this week. Soybeans that were not fully mature have been hit by a killing frost. Peanut harvest has finished. The weekend rains will delay harvest for growers this weekend, but certainly will aid in wheat germination.

Roy Thagard – Greene County Extension

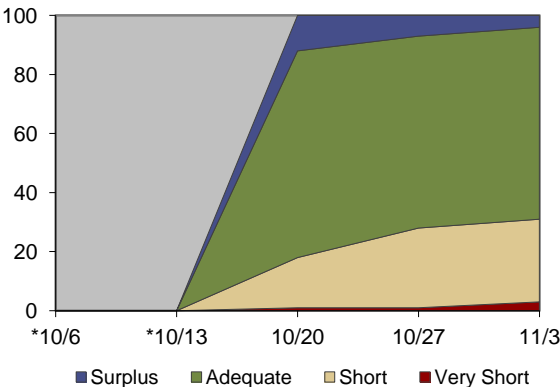
Rain on Friday helped soil conditions for planting of small grains. Cotton harvest is off to a slow start as many growers are waiting on more bolls to open.

Mac Malloy – Robeson/Scotland County Extension

PEANUTS THRESHED



TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT



**Data for charts unavailable on 10/6 and 10/13 due to Federal Government Shutdown.*

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2013										
Location	Precipitation (Inches) ¹				Temperature (Degrees F.)					
	This Week		Year To Date		This Week					
		Departure from Normal		Departure from Normal				Departure from Normal	Degree Days (Year to Date)	
	Total	Normal	Total	Normal	High	Low	Avg.			
Asheville	0.27	-0.53	63.19	22.98	75	42	58	8	3,521	
Aurora	0.95	0.25	36.91	-7.17	78	46	63	5	4,817	
Burlington	0.39	-0.31	39.20	-0.05	75	42	61	7	4,239	
Cape Hatteras	0.95	-0.24	46.17	-2.60	77	46	65	4	5,061	
Charlotte	0.51	-0.30	39.38	2.05	79	36	61	5	4,532	
Clayton	0.73	0.03	52.89	13.23	75	40	59	5	4,171	
Elizabeth City	0.73	0.14	37.36	-3.90	78	42	62	5	4,634	
Erwin	0.57	-0.10	42.56	0.23	77	41	62	7	4,613	
Fayetteville	0.71	0.08	37.16	-3.86	81	45	64	8	4,996	
Goldsboro	0.38	-0.27	48.69	5.11	80	44	64	6	4,828	
Greensboro	0.34	-0.32	41.97	4.58	77	41	61	8	4,243	
Greenville	0.64	0.01	41.60	-1.99	81	41	63	7	4,697	
Hayesville	0.58	-0.40	64.99	9.77	76	38	58	7	3,791	
Hickory	0.20	-0.62	57.13	15.02	76	38	59	6	4,111	
Jefferson	0.42	-0.41	67.07	25.15	71	36	54	8	2,545	
Kinston	0.64	0.01	45.35	0.32	81	36	60	5	4,460	
Maxton	0.94	0.24	36.31	-5.81	78	43	62	5	4,635	
Monroe	0.46	-0.38	29.26	-12.92	79	39	62	7	4,625	
Mount Airy	0.07	-0.70	58.49	17.96	75	33	57	7	3,541	
Mount Olive	0.40	-0.22	37.36	-5.50	79	40	61	4	4,393	
New Bern	0.79	0.09	36.74	-11.17	80	44	64	6	5,076	
North Wilkesboro	0.16	-0.68	50.27	6.39	77	37	58	7	3,637	
Old Fort	0.08	-0.90	68.78	22.63	77	34	56	4	3,304	
Oxford	0.49	-0.28	41.03	1.35	73	38	59	7	4,081	
Raleigh-Durham	1.23	0.56	42.82	5.49	76	40	62	8	4,463	
Randleman	0.45	-0.32	43.63	3.09	75	39	59	5	4,026	
Roanoke Rapids	0.73	-0.04	41.83	1.85	74	41	59	6	4,319	
Rocky Mount	0.62	-0.03	36.93	-0.23	79	40	63	8	4,616	
Roxboro	0.29	-0.55	38.58	-1.61	73	38	59	7	3,806	
Whiteville	0.92	0.36	44.66	0.26	81	36	62	4	4,583	
Williamston	0.61	-0.09	47.61	3.94	77	42	61	5	4,474	
Wilmington	1.12	0.50	46.96	-3.34	81	46	65	5	4,961	
Winston Salem	0.30	-0.36	36.13	-1.26	76	40	61	8	4,239	

¹ Precipitation data considered preliminary